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SUBJECT: MIKI LETTER TO BREZHNEV

REF: TOKYO 3245

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1. FONOFF FIRST EAST EUROPEAN DIR AMAYE SUBSTANTIATED APRIL 26 JAPANESE LANGUAGE MAINICHI REPORT THAT PRIME MINISTER MIKI'S APR 25 LETTER TO CPSU PARTY SECRETARY BREZHNEV IGNORED BREZHNEV'S OVERTURE TO CONCLUDE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BY SHELIVING TERRITORIAL ISSUE. INSTEAD, PRIME MINISTER MIKI STRESSED NEED FOR EARLY CONCLUSION OF FULL PEACE TREATY, WHICH WOULD OF COURSE INCLUDE RESOLUTION OF TERRITORIAL ISSUE.

2. MIKI'S LETTER WAS REPLY TO BOTH BREZHNEV'S FEBRUARY LETTER PROPOSING EARLY CONCLUSION OF TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION AND TO MARCH 8 BREZHNEV LETTER INFORMING MIKI OF SOVIET DECISION TO RETURN 42 JAPANESE PAINTINGS (REFTEL) BESIDES CLARIFYING MIKI'S VIEWS ON BASIC RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND USSR, JAPANESE
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PM EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR RETURN OF PAINTINGS. KYODO PRESS STORY

NOT REPEAT NOT DENIED BY AMAYE SAID MIKI'S LETTER EXPRESSED HOPE
A KREMLIN LEADER WILL VISIT TOKYO WHEN RETURNED PAINTINGS GO
ON DISPLAY. HOWEVER, MAYE SAID KYOKO REPORT THAT JAPAN IS HOPING
SOVIET CULTURE MINISTER DEMICHEV WILL COME FOR OCCASION IS PURE
SPECULATION.

3. COMMENT: MIKI'S APRIL 25 RELY TO FEB AND MARCH BREZHNEV
LETTERS IS SOMEWHAT BELATED. ALSO, AS NOTED IN MAINICHI STORY,
GOJ IS REQUIRED TO REPLY TO BREZHNEV'S LETTERS FOR SAKE
OF BALANCE IN VIEW OF ACTIVE DIPLOMACY WITH CHINA.
REPORTED DIFFICULTY DURING MIYAZAWA'S JANUARY TRIP IN
GETTING SOVIETS TO
RECONFIRM TANAKA-BREZHNEV AGREEMENT THAT TERRITORIAL ISSUE IS
UNRESOLVED MAY HAVE CHASTENED JAPANESE. AT LEAST UNTIL
JAPAN-PRC PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY HEGEMONY ISSUE IS
RESOLVED, JAPANESE ARE LIKELY TO BE CONTENT WITH MERELY
CLUTCHING FORMER PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S HARD WON CAT'S
EYE.
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